With a view to improve DTC services, following steps are being taken by DTC:—

1. Maintenance of DTC vehicles as per the recommendations of Chassis Manufacturers.

2. Replacement of old buses by new buses.

3. Preventive maintenance schedules are being revised, keeping in view the technological improvement in vehicle design to achieve better vehicle productivity.

4. A few smoke meters are being added to strengthen the pollution control measures already taken by DTC.

5. The training programme for technical staff is being intensified to acquaint them with technological improvement in vehicle design and their proper upkeep and maintenance in the Depots.

Entry for Indians in Kuwait

1409. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no headway has been made by Government in obtaining entry for the Indians to work in Kuwait after the Gulf War;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this failure;

(c) number of Indians who are in Kuwait presently: and

(d) what efforts are being made to find way to obtain entry-permits and work permits for Indians in Kuwait; and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. According to information available approximately 25 000 Indian nationals have returned to Kuwait. Taking into account about 10,000 of Indian nationals who chose to remain in Kuwait during the Gulf crisis, the present number would be around 35,000.

(d) Close contact with Kuwait Government is being maintained at different levels to facilitate the return of Indian nationals to Kuwait.

Delhi Administration Subordinate Services

1410. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officials of Delhi Administsration Subordinate Services cadre who joined the Services between the years 1977 and 1980 in the pay scale of Rs. 425—700 have been promoted whereas Food Inspector of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administaration who joined in the year 1977 have not been promoted;

(b) if so, whether after another few promotions, the above DASS cadre employees have the scope to reach the Delhi/Andaman Nicobar Services Cadre level and IAS level and have the chances to become the officers of Food Inspectors as Administrative Officers/Joint Director/Director in the Department of PFA, Delhi although being their juniors;

(c) the action proposed by Government to create promotion avenues for Food Inspectors of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, parallel to the promotion avenues of DASS cadre employees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has reported that officials of Delhi Administration Subordinate Services (DASS) cadre who joined service upto 15-2-1980 in the then pay scale of Rs. 425—700 (revised to Rs